

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 41

January 29, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from 15 to 17, the maximum number of members authorized to serve on a solid waste authority board of directors.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – The fiscal impact of this bill is estimated to be not significant. However, to the extent any local government increases the number of solid waste authority board members beyond the current statutory maximum of 15 members, and such boards elect to compensate or reimburse such members for travel expenses or otherwise, local government expenditures will increase by an unknown amount. Any such increase in local government expenditures would be permissive.

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann § 68-211-904, local governments have the authority to create a solid waste authority board. The local government legislative body will determine if, and at what rate, directors are compensated.
- The provisions of the bill are permissive to local governments.
- According to the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), there are five solid waste authorities statewide.
- Three of the five solid waste authority boards do not compensate board members.
- According to information provided by two solid waste authority boards, members are compensated or reimbursed for travel; however, neither board has the current maximum number of allowable members.
- Based on information provided by these two boards, passage of this bill is not expected to result in an increase to the number of board members. However, if a local government elects to increase board membership greater than the current statutory maximum of 15, and elects to compensate these additional board members, there would be a permissive increase in local government expenditures. Any such increase would be contingent upon the number of members added, the compensation rate, the extent of reimbursable expenditures, as well as other factors.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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